

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sericulture Department - Allegations of corruption against Sri R. Prabhakar, formerly Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor – Disciplinary action under rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 initiated – Charges framed – Written Statement of defence filed – Inquiry report submitted by Commissioner of Inquiries – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 300

Dated: 28-02-2009.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.277, Agri. & Coopn.(Vig.II) Dept., dated 27-3-2003.
2. From Sri R.Prabhakar, RJDS, on deputation to APMIP Cell, Dept., of Horticulture Hyderabad Lr. Rc.No.09/2003, dated 31-5-2003.
3. Govt. Memo.No.2749/Vig.II(2)/2002-11, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dated 6-12-2005.
4. Govt. Memo.No.2749/Vig.II(2)/2002-16, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dated 29-04-2008.
5. From the D.O.Lr.No. 535/COI-CK/A5/2008-4, dated 18-11-2008 (we).

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ORDER:

In a disciplinary case, departmental proceedings were initiated against Sri R.Prabhakar, formerly Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor District on certain allegations of irregularities ie., for replacement of engine of Government Car bearing No. AP. 98-9816 from petrol to diesel by drawing Rs.1.00 lakh from Revolving fund and incurring of huge expenditure to the tune of Rs.44,267/- from the months of 3/2001 and 4/2001. Accordingly, in the G.O.1st read above, the following charges were framed against him:-

Charge No. 1: Sri R.Prabhakar, while working as Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor who is provided with Ambassador Car bearing No. AP 9B 9816 has replaced Petrol Engine with Diesel Engine to his Ambassador Car by spending Rs.1.00 lakh from Revolving Fund which is a non-Government funds meant for the maintenance of department units, and for creation of necessary infrastructure facilities to the units which are carrying out sericultural activities. The revolving fund normally come from sale proceeds of pierced cocoons, seed layings, bye-products and etc., The revolving fund is being utilized for the maintenance of departmental units, creation of necessary infrastructure facilities to the units which are carrying out sericultural activities. But, the Accused Officer violated the norms of the sericulture and drawn Rs. 1.00 lakh from the Revolving fund and the same was utilized to the replacement of Petrol Engine with a Diesel Engine to his allotted Government Ambassador Car bearing No. AP 9B 9816 and thereby violated the Rule (3) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Thus, he is fit person to be dealt with the provisions enumerated in Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

Charge No. 2: Sri R.Prabhakar, while working as Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor used his office Government Telephone No. 26626 and incurred huge telephone expenditure to the tune of Rs.44,267/- for the months of 3/2001 and 4/2001 to his office. The telephone expenditure which contained call charges of Rs.25,066/-, arrears for the previous months (Debts) Rs.15,146/-, service tax Rs.1,956/-, phonogram charges Rs.3,591-50 , inland, trunk call charges Rs.266/-rental charges Rs.480/-. Thus, the total Rs.44,267/- has been paid by issuing a cheque in favour of Accounts Officer O/o GM, Telephone Department, Tirupati on 7-6-2001 vide cheque No. 6073321. He has paid an amount of Rs.1,969/- in the Government Account under Head 052 towards expenditure incurred on personal calls booked on the office phone for a period from 26-8-2000 to 22-6-2001 and this amount

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includes Rs.492/- for 18 Nos. of STD calls made in the month of March, and April, 2001. But, no private calls were entered in the STDS/FAX booking Register of the O/o the Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, pertaining to the staff or RJDS. Further, Sri R.Prabhakar has not taken any measures to identify the personal calls of the staff during the above two months wherein the office had booked as many as 19405 net calls which is highest in number. Though, there are specific instructions that strict economy measures are to be taken to control the expenditure like telephone charges, electricity charges and etc., Sri R.Prabhakar, Regional Joint Director of Sericulture has exhibited negligence and gross dereliction of duty and failed to comply the Government instructions and he had incurred an abnormal amount of Rs.44,267/- towards telephone charges to his offices for the months of March, and April, 2001 and thereby he violated Rule (3) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, he is fit person to be dealt with the provisions enumerated in Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri R.Prabhakar, formerly Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor has submitted his written statement of defence denying the charges framed against him.

3. After examining the written statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer it was decided to conduct regular inquiry in the matter. Accordingly, Government in the reference 4th read above appointed Smt. Chandana Khan, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiry Authority to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer. The Inquiry Authority conducted the regular inquiry and submitted the inquiry report holding the charges are not proved against the Charged Officer.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority and decided to drop further action against Sri R.Prabhakar, formerly Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor as the charges framed against him are held not proved.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri R.Prabhakar, formerly Regional Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor.

6. The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P. Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S. CHELLAPPA
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri R.Prabhakar, Regional formerly Joint Director of Sericulture, Chittoor
through the CoS, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to :

The APVC, Hyderabad.

The DG, ACB, Hyderabad (case No. 49/RE-TCT/2001).

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SECTION OFFICER